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Veronica Vizcaino and Gustavo Espinal enjoy the view from the Empire State Building observation deck. / BESS ADLER, METRO

# Sky-high nuptials for Queens couple

**Love.** The pair will marry at the Empire State Building on Valentine's Day.

For their first date, Veronica Vizcaino and Gustavo Espinal met in Midtown, unsure what to do.

"We kind of just looked around and saw the Empire State Building and thought, 'Why not?'" Espinal said.

The New York natives, now both 32 years old, spent the night talking and laughing on the observatory.

Less than five years later, the Queens couple will return to the iconic skyscraper on Valentine's Day for their wedding.

"We're very symbolic people and everything we do seems to have meaning," Vizcaino said.

A public school teacher, Vizcaino originally hoped to afford a venue with views of the building. But in November, she came across a video contest: The winners got a small ceremony at the Empire State Building and a private visit to the observatory.

The couple decided there wasn't enough time to enter.

On Christmas Day, Espinal surprised Vizcaino. Wrapped with a new coat for their 8-month-old daughter Olivia was a small figurine of the building signaling they won.

Espinal's secret submission shows dozens of family pictures, ending with scenes from the Empire State Building where their "wonderfully unplanned journey" began.

"It will be something more for us," Vizcaino said of the wedding.

The couple, who live in Ridgewood, plan on a "staycation" in the city in lieu of a honeymoon. For now, Vizcaino said she feels humbled by the upcoming nuptials.

"It gives us an opportunity to have a wedding that, financially, we would never be able to have," she said. "I can actually say I'm having a fairytale wedding."

Fairy tale comes true

**"It gives us an opportunity to have a wedding that, financially, we would never be able to have. I can actually say I'm having a fairytale wedding."** Veronica Vizcaino, the bride

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Weather

Prospect Park / GETTY IMAGES

## Up to a foot of snow, sleet coming

Forecasters predict Thursday's slushy storm will dump up to a foot of snow on New York City.

Eight to 12 inches of snow will accumulate during the storm, with snowfall beginning after midnight and changing to sleet or rain throughout the day, according to the National Weather Service.

Sleet and snow are expected between 11 a.m. and noon, mixing with rain and snow later Thursday, eventually tapering off overnight.

A 30-hour winter storm warning for heavy snow has been issued until 6 a.m. Friday.

The weather service warns snowfall will make travel treacherous, but some 135,000 tons of salt is on hand to plow the city's 6,300 miles of streets, according to the Department of Sanitation.

A snow alert was issued by the department beginning 1 a.m. Thursday. Temperatures are expected to reach a high of 33 degrees Thursday with a low of 29 degrees overnight. ANNA SANDERS

# Man steals truck, causes fatal crash

The bus ran onto the sidewalk and crashed into a subway entrance. / ELISHA MCNEIL, TWITTER

A city bus driver died after a collision with a stolen box truck in Greenwich Village on Wednesday.

The truck slammed into an eastbound M14D bus about 5:40 a.m. near the corner of Seventh Avenue and 14th Street, sending both vehicles onto the sidewalk, officials said.

A 17-year veteran of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, William Pena, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene, the MTA said.

Crime

**"We are working closely with law enforcement to ensure the perpetrator of this crime is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."**
Thomas Prendergast, MTA Chairman and CEO

Police said a 22-year-old man stole the truck a few blocks from the intersection before heading south on Seventh Avenue and slamming into the bus.

A bus passenger and three others were injured.

The truck's driver was taken into custody and treated with minor injuries, police said, and charges are pending.

Pena was the first MTA bus operator killed during a collision in more than 14 years. ANNA SANDERS

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James Percelay plays with the controls of the "devil baby." / MILES DIXON, METRO

# Meet the brains behind the Web's biggest pranks

**Click bait.**
Thinkmodo is responsible for the viral "devil baby" video, among many set in New York.

You may not know Thinkmodo, but you've likely seen its work. Remember the viral YouTube video of a "devil baby" scaring New Yorkers? Or maybe you caught the one about a "Carrie"-like girl with telekinetic powers who sent a man flying at a West Village coffee shop.

Michael Krivicka and James Percelay run viral marketing agency Thinkmodo, with the help of associate producer Sam Pezzullo. At their office in Midtown, the skeleton crew churns out some of the greatest pranks — and ads — on the Internet.

"We do it all. It takes just three guys to beat brands like Pepsi and Nike," Percelay said.

Thinkmodo got their big break when they were hired to promote the movie "Limitless" in 2011. They created a video in which a man hacks the screens in Times Square with his iPhone and a "video transmitter." Thinkmodo's secret? They rented the screens in Times Square so they could sync the video on the screens with the one on the iPhone.

Since then, Thinkmodo's budget for ads have gone from "a few thousand dollars to ... over $1 million," Percelay said.

Krivicka and Percelay said it's been a wild journey. Krivicka said sometimes he doesn't even know how they'll execute their ideas. "We pitch it and then we're like, 'Uh, what are we going to do now?'" he said.

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**Education**

## New York voters prefer Cuomo's pre-K plan over de Blasio's

New York state voters prefer Gov. Andrew Cuomo's plan for universal pre-K with no new taxes over Mayor Bill de Blasio's plan to fund the program with a city income tax hike on high-income families, a new poll shows.

Forty-seven percent of voters statewide support Cuomo's no-tax plan, while 37 percent said that they prefer de Blasio's plan, according to the Quinnipiac University poll that was released on Wednesday.

Overall, 76 percent of voters support paying for universal pre-K with state funding, while 20 percent oppose it.

The majority of city and state voters believe that universal pre-K would be "very effective" or "somewhat effective" in improving education for all of the children that live in New York state.

LAURA SHIN

**By the numbers**

**49%**

Among city voters, 49 percent said they agree with Cuomo's plan compared to 40 percent of voters who prefer de Blasio's plan.

# The best part of Valentine's Day comes after dinner.

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In Brooklyn

## Pedestrian killed in Williamsburg

An 80-year-old woman was killed after a vehicle struck her. Margarita Seda was crossing at Graham and Grand avenues when a car hit her about 1:37 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Police said that the driver remained at the scene. **LAURA SHIN**

# Trash. UES group asks de Blasio to toss waste station plan

The group opposed to the Upper East Side waste transfer station at E. 91st St. raised the stakes on Wednesday by challenging Mayor Bill de Blasio to overhaul the city's waste management plan.

The advocacy group Pledge 2 Protect commissioned an independent report on the city's Solid Waste Management Plan passed by the city in 2006. In it, the group argues the city's long-term vision is in need of a new focus.

Approved as a 20-year plan for how New York handles its waste, the plan's intent was to more evenly distribute the waste burden, most of which is transferred through working-class areas.

Kelly Nimmo-Guenther, president of Pledge 2 Protect, said that the city will fail to meet its goals unless it addresses what the report says is a growing cost to taxpayers.

The de Blasio administration did not respond to request for comment. **CHESTER JESUS SORIA**

# De Blasio rolls out $73.7 billion budget

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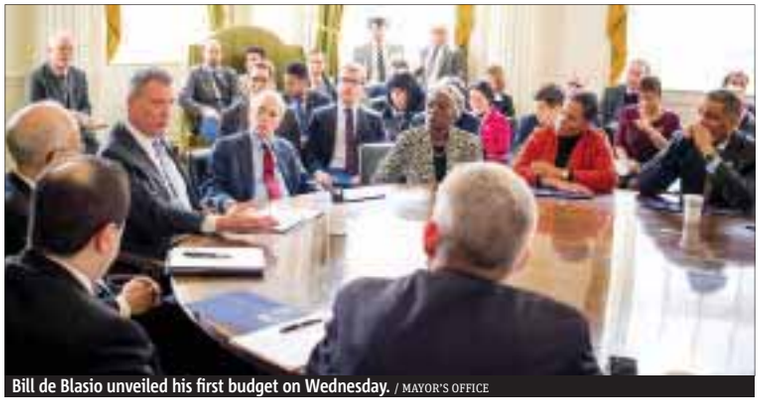
**Big spender.** The mayor unveiled his road map to paying for his progressive agenda for New York City.



Bill de Blasio unveiled his first budget on Wednesday. / MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Bill de Blasio put forward a $73.7 billion budget on Wednesday afternoon, pairing his administration's laundry list of campaign promises with real numbers while distancing himself even further from his predecessor.

De Blasio called his administration's inaugural budget "aggressive" and one focused on core issues of education and social services, all while giving assurances that it would put the city's financial house in order.

In defending his priorities, de Blasio said that there was nothing mutually exclusive about fiscal responsibility and his progressive agenda.

Among de Blasio's priorities for the next fiscal year are $21.5 million for homeless services, $3 million for the new office of the NYPD inspector general and $1.8 million on an ongoing basis to maintain the administration's paid sick leave plan.

The budget also assumes $530 million in revenue directed to prekindergarten and afterschool programming.

**Fair shake**

**"They sound counterintuitive to some, but we need a balanced budget and a strong and stable city government to facilitate our fight against inequality."** Bill de Blasio

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# Obama signs order to raise minimum wage for federal contractors

**Increase.** He is fulfilling a promise from his State of the Union address.

President Barack Obama gestures to workers during the signing of an executive order to raise the minimum wage for federal contractors Wednesday at the White House. / GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama signed an executive order on Wednesday to raise the minimum wage for federal contract workers to $10.10 an hour starting next year and encouraged employers nationwide to increase wages for their workers.

Obama announced during his State of the Union address last month that he intended to take executive action to raise wages for federal contract workers.

The order will affect workers starting on Jan. 1, 2015, and applies to new contracts and replacements for expiring contracts.

**Quoted**

**"It's not going to depress the economy, it'll boost the economy."** Obama

Obama, who has also pressed Congress to enact legislation to raise the minimum wage for all workers nationwide, urged business leaders and government officials to do more to increase workers' incomes.

"I would ask any business leader out there, any governor, any mayor, any local leader listening: Do what you can to raise your employees' wages," he said, rejecting arguments that doing so would hamper the economy. REUTERS


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Midlife crisis

## Sinkhole gobbles up eight vintage Corvettes at Kentucky museum

A 40-foot sinkhole opened up under the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky and swallowed eight collector cars, including a black 1962 model, the museum said on Wednesday.

No injuries were reported, but a 1993 ZR-1 Spyder and a 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" on loan from General Motors Co. were among the iconic cars piled up in the pit.

"It is with heavy hearts that we report that eight Corvettes were affected by this incident," the museum, based in Bowling Green, said in a statement. REUTERS

GETTY IMAGES

## Severe winter storm slams Southeast

A deadly winter storm brought heavy snow, freezing rain and a possibly historic accumulation of ice to the southeastern United States on Wednesday, causing hundreds of thousands of power outages and treacherous driving conditions, meteorologists said. The worsening storm stretched from eastern Texas to the Carolinas, and reached the Middle Atlantic states by late Wednesday, National Weather Service meteorologist Roger Edwards said. Power outages spread rapidly as temperatures dropped. The storm is set to hit the Northeast today. REUTERS


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Tsarnaev faces the threat of execution if convicted of the April 15 attack. / THE BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Judge sets Nov. trial for accused Boston bomber

**Change of venue.** His attorneys have not yet said if they will seek to have his trial moved from Boston.

The accused Boston Marathon bomber will face trial in November, a U.S. judge said on Wednesday, denying a request by Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's attorneys for more time to prepare a defense on charges tied to the largest mass-casualty attack on U.S. soil since 9/11.

Attorneys for the 20-year-old native of Russia's Chechnya region argued that they needed more time to review massive amounts of evidence.

In addition to thousands of pages of files, computer records and security camera photographs, attorneys need to comb through some 2,000 pieces of physical evidence including shards of shrapnel from the blast site.

Charges against Tsarnaev also include fatally shooting a university police officer three days after the bombing.

"This is a unique case, obviously," said U.S. District Judge George O'Toole, after he ordered jury selection to begin on Nov. 3, well ahead of the September 2015 start the defense requested. REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"I will say to both sides that this is undoubtedly going to be a lengthy trial, but you should keep in mind that not everything that can be presented for either side needs to be presented, necessarily."**

**O'Toole** said at a hearing at U.S. District Court in Boston

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# Teen's 1914 diary lives again on Twitterverse

**Fame everlasting.** The 16-year-old's diary rivets social media fans.

She's a 16-year-old British girl like any other: hates Mondays; likes cakes, tea and shopping; finds French lessons dull, but Paris beautiful.

But the story of Olive Higgins, told through the diary she wrote as she set off to school in Paris in January 1914, is no ordinary one.

Blog readers and more than 1,400 Twitter followers have been reading her diary online since New Year's Day, released in daily extracts by London-based British journalist and writer Rob McGibbon, who was given Olive's diary in 2001 by an antiques dealer.

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After just six weeks of entries, however, Olive's voice suddenly falls silent on Wednesday. The teenager became too unwell to write, and eventually died on Feb. 25, 1914.

The realization that Olive was buried in a cemetery just a few hundred yards from where McGibbon was born, the same cemetery he used to look out over from his grandfather's house, triggered his interest. From that moment, he was hooked.

"It really was a stunning moment of surreal connection that absolutely convinced me that this was a providential gift, that this was a heaven-sent gift, if you like," said McGibbon. "It was such a coincidence, such a weird, strong connection."

Consumed by Olive's tale, McGibbon spent time and savings trying to produce a work on the diary, researching in Paris for months at a time.

After a series of rejections from publishers, McGibbon shelved the project until it dawned on him that 2014 would mark the 100th anniversary of Olive's death.

He decided to let Olive's voice tell her own story to the world, determining that social media would be an apt forum for her words.

"I have definitely felt the sadness of hearing Olive's voice again and ... there's been a sadness for me to revisit all the work that came to nothing. But equally, it feels like there is a resolution, and that feels good," said McGibbon. REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"From the moment I got the diary it became a complete obsession. Within a few weeks I'd found the grave, I'd found her homes, I abandoned all my work to just focus on that."** McGibbon

**Norwegian fairy tale**

## Boy takes car, claims he's a dwarf

A 10-year-old Norwegian boy came up with a novel excuse after he drove his parents' car into a snowy ditch on Wednesday morning: He told police he was a dwarf who forgot his driving license.

He loaded his 18-month old sister into the car and headed for their grandparents in Valdres, about 60 kilometers away, local police said.

He drove more than 10 kilometers before he veered off the road. A snowplow driver found him and alerted the police.

"The parents woke up and discovered that the children were missing and that someone had taken off with their car. They were pretty upset, as you can imagine," a police spokesman said. REUTERS


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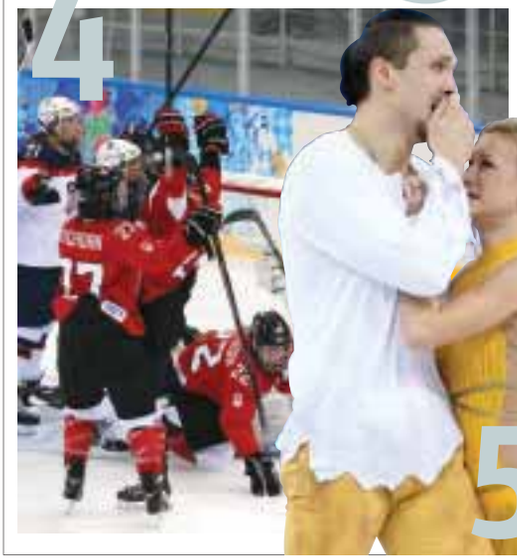
# US women take gold, bronze in halfpipe




**Medal count**

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| Holland | 4 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| 4. USA | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Russia | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| 6. Germany | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 7. Austria | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| 8. Switz. | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Slovenia | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |

**1** The top spot on the podium wasn't lonely for Slovenia's **Tina Maze**, left, and Switzerland's **Dominique Gisin**, who shared gold in the women's downhill.

**2** Following in the footsteps of Shaun White 24 hours earlier, American **Shani Davis** missed out on a first-ever three-peat in speed skating's 1,000 meters. Stefan Groothuis won gold, with Davis taking eighth.

**3** American ladies **Kaitlyn Farrington**, left, and 2002 champion **Kelly Clark** shared a podium in women's halfpipe. Farrington won gold in an upset, with Clark in third.

**4** The Canadian and U.S. women had already advanced to the next round, but the finish of Wednesday's game was still controversial, as **Hayley Wickenheiser** knocked in a late game-winner for Canada that the Americans protested came after a whistle.

**5** Russian pairs skaters **Maxim Trankov** and **Tatiana Volosozhar** were overcome with emotion after winning gold.

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Lots of scoring is going on at the Sochi Winter Olympics. / GETTY IMAGES

# Olympic athletes heating up on Tinder

Olympic medals have been thin on the ground for Team USA at the Sochi Winter Olympics — so far they've taken home just three gold medals, all of them in snowboarding. But that doesn't mean our athletes aren't scoring.

According to one of America's two gold medalists, snowboarder Jamie Anderson, athletic hookups in the Olympic village have gone high-tech: They're apparently big fans of dating app Tinder.

"Tinder in the Olympic Village is next-level," Anderson told Us Weekly. "It's all athletes! In the mountain village, it's all athletes. It's hilarious. There are some cuties on there."

Dear lord. The Olympic Village is always a legendary boinkfest — it is, after all, temporarily home to the world's most toned humans, finally getting a break from years of training after the most stressful day of their lives. Now that their flirtation has gone 21st century, I worry that Tinder may actually explode. Do Olympians even need Tinder? Just go outside and throw a snowball. You'll probably hit an impossibly beautiful biathlete looking to screw away the shame of his fourth-place finish.

Anderson agrees: She says she deleted her Tinder profile before her event in order to focus on her training. "There was a point where I had to be like, 'OK, this is way too distracting,'" she said. "I deleted my account to focus on the Olympics."

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## THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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# On the scene: GUESS New York Fashion Week party

Kate Bosworth

Anna Kendrick

## Kate Bosworth

**What do you love about GUESS?**
I remember wearing a lot of classic denim as a teenager and I didn't even know it was GUESS. So that carried me through a lot of years.

**What do you like to wear right now?**
I love the masculine and minimal approach that's happening right now. It fits my own style.

**What do you refuse to wear on the red carpet?**
Big platform shoes are not my thing.

**What are you looking forward to wearing this spring?**
I love pastels. They're very pretty.

## Anna Kendrick

**We've seen you at a lot of fashion shows this year. What was your favorite so far?**
I guess it's a toss-up between Monique Lhuillier and Carolina Herrera. Both collections were really feminine, beautiful and wearable.

**What fall trends are you loving?**
I like all the prints I'm seeing.

**Where do you see yourself wearing most of the clothes in the GUESS line?**
If I run through a field ... or something.

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Q&A

### Joe Jonas

***Are we going to see you in the fashion industry at some point?***

**I don't know. Until there's a knock on the door, I guess no. But I love fashion and I don't mind being open about fashion and talking about what I love about it.**

**On future projects**

**"Doing solo music is taking a lot of my time right now. I'm looking in to some acting opportunities too."**

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Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.


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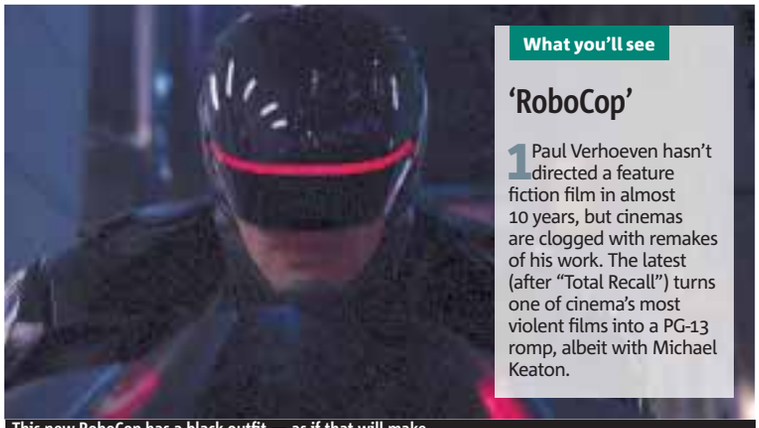
This new RoboCop has a black outfit — as if that will make you forget the perfect 1987 original. / COLUMBIA PICTURES

**What you'll see**

## 'RoboCop'

**1** Paul Verhoeven hasn't directed a feature fiction film in almost 10 years, but cinemas are clogged with remakes of his work. The latest (after "Total Recall") turns one of cinema's most violent films into a PG-13 romp, albeit with Michael Keaton.

**2 'About Last Night'**
Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you like remakes. In the 1980s, David Mamet's bleak and coarse "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" was pounded into a rom-com with Demi Moore and Rob Lowe. Now it's a Kevin Hart vehicle, which is more like it.

**3 'Winter's Tale'**
The directorial debut of seasoned screenwriter Akiva Goldsman ("Batman and Robin") tackles Mark Helprin's 1983 doorstop — a century-spanning romance about an immortal Irishman (Colin Farrell), a demon-or-something (Russell Crowe) and a flying horse.

**4 'Endless Love'**
The scandalous teen romance from 1981 — with Brooke Shields and a tiny role for Tom Cruise — gets a remake, this time with people of age: Alex Pettyfer and model Gabriella Wilde. But will it play the Diana Ross and Lionel Richie song?

**5 'Jimmy P.: Psychotherapy of a Plains Indian'**
There are few things more fun in movies than the pairing of actor Mathieu Amalric and director Arnaud Desplechin ("Kings and Queen," "A Christmas Tale"). This finds both in America, with the former treating a war-wounded Native American (Benicio Del Toro) in the 1950s.

**6 'Easy Money: Hard to Kill'**
Not to be confused with either the Rodney Dangerfield picture or the Steven Seagal classic, this Swedish import is a sequel to the homegrown hit about a former party kid (Joel Kinnaman, star of "RoboCop") getting involved in the underworld.

**7 'Girl on a Bicycle'**
An Italian tour bus driver (Vincenzo Amato) in Paris finds his calm life turned upside down when he runs afoul of a French babe (Louise Monot).


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**TV watch list**

Inviting the "Mob Wives" to your dinner party is probably a bad idea. / PIOTR SIKORA, VH1

**COMPETITION**

## 'American Idol'

The audition rounds are finally over. We know, it feels like this season's auditions have been going on for the better part of a decade. Were they always this drawn out? Anyway, tonight, at long last, the hopefuls who are actually going to get to compete for the "Idol" title are named. **8 P.M., FOX**

**REALITY**

## 'Mob Wives'

Tonight, Drita's dinner party leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouths when, shockingly, grievances are — violently — aired before they even get to their entrees. If we've learned anything from the obscene amount of reality TV we've watched over the years, it's that nothing good ever happens at a network-orchestrated dinner party. **10 P.M., VH1**

**REALITY**

## 'Party Down South'

This reality show about hard-partying hicks living/fighting/hooking up in a South Carolina vacation house is probably going to do for South Carolina what "Jersey Shore"did for New Jersey: nothing good. (And, actually, this show is produced by the guy behind "Jersey Shore.") On the other hand, it's a winning reality TV formula, regardless of location, so what the hell, we're watching it. **10 P.M., CMT**

**LATE NIGHT**

## 'Jimmy Kimmel Live'

Tonight, Jimmy's guests are Kevin Hart and Alex Pettyfer. Kevin Hart is famous for screaming at awards shows/in movies/in his stand-up routines and Alex Pettyfer is famous, mostly, for being very pretty. Hart's promoting a movie with Ice Cube and Pettyfer's promoting a movie that seems like it was written by Nicholas Sparks, but wasn't. **11:35 P.M., ABC**

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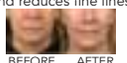

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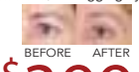

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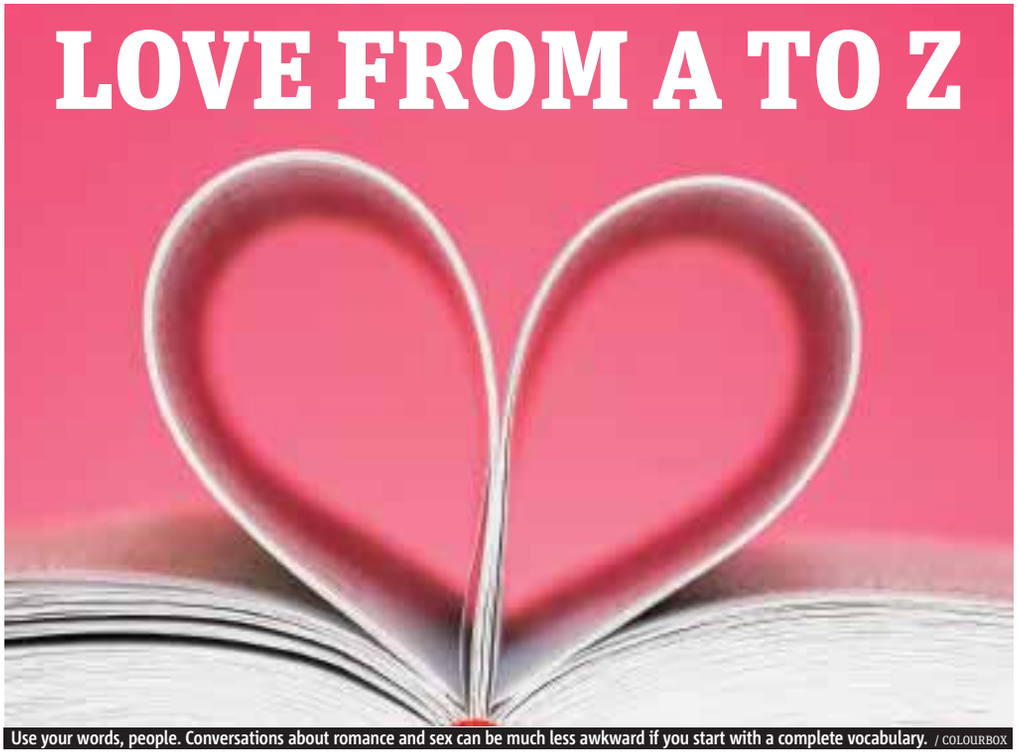

Use your words, people. Conversations about romance and sex can be much less awkward if you start with a complete vocabulary. / COLOURBOX

It's time to beef up your sexual vocabulary, dears, because little words can pack some sexy punches. It can be empowering to develop language that communicates exactly what you want. So whether you're coupled, single or somewhere in between this Valentine's Day, commit to learn new words and phrases that expand your ability to imagine, express and act on your desires. Practice these words and phrases to get started. Expect big returns on your pleasure investment.

**Alternative:** The knowledge that there can be more than one option or version of anything — humans are diverse! Celebrate that.

**Boundaries:** Communicated or negotiated rules for fair play. Discuss them ahead of time for enhanced pleasure.

**Dominate:** To exercise control over another person in an explicitly consensual exchange of power.

**Fetish:** Sexually fixating on an object or activity conventionally considered nonsexual.

**Healthy relationship:** Engaging with yourself or others with respect, equality, non-violence, support and trust in ways that promote positive growth.

**LGBTQQIA:** Lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual — the full rainbow of terms, though definitions vary. (When in doubt, ask.)

**Munch:** A public social networking gathering of BDSM community members.

**Paddle:** A flat-surface with a handle that can be used in oh-so-many ways.

**Polyamory:** Romantic relationship(s) with more than one person.

**Safer sex:** Practicing sex with barriers that prohibit the exchange of body fluids, like male and female condoms and dental dams.

**Self-love:** Healthy skills required to identify and sustain an intense feeling of deep affection for that unique human being that is YOU.

**Sex:** Anal, oral or vaginal intercourse — for starters.

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**Vanilla:** Things, people, or activities that are not sexually exploratory. Used in a sentence: "That guy likes vanilla sex" or "I had sex with that woman, and she is very vanilla."

**Wax play:** Dripping or pouring hot, melted wax on someone's skin for sexual pleasure. A note: Never heat wax in a microwave. Use a double boiler, or pour it from a candle and watch out for the flame.

**Valentine's Day:** A day, much like any other, when individuals can express love for themselves, partners, communities, friends, family members or anybody else they want to love on. Also, a day when you can take to Twitter to ask me your questions! (See "hashtag love" inset on the main photo.)

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## PLUS

**Hashtag love**

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# Get your flirt on for Valentine's Day

You still haven't found your Valentine's date yet? We talk to four flirting experts about the dos and don'ts of flirting. And there's good news; it's not that hard to upgrade your skills. Smile more, don't use pickup lines and keep direct eye contact! **LASSE EMIL KRISTIANSEN**

## Rachel DeAlto

*Flirting and communications expert and life coach*

**1 Have confidence.** Whether or not you actually have confidence you need to fake it to make it. You can't be a good flirt if you don't like yourself. Being confident in yourself and knowing that you have something to offer is the No. 1 tip.

**2 Stop being afraid of rejection.** We're all going through it. I have a lot of shy clients and I encourage them to push themselves over the edge. Start by starting a conversation with someone you're not attracted to or someone of a sexual preference you are not attracted to.

## Tracey Steinberg

*Dating coach and flirting expert*

**What's your best piece of advice about flirting?**
When you are speaking with them give them your full attention and direct eye contact about 70 percent of the conversation. A pack of wild coyotes could break down the door but you're too enthralled with the cutie to notice.

**What's a common no-no?**
I've seen so many people spend so much energy thinking about what they should say or try really hard to come up with something hysterically funny. This keeps them in their head and out of the present moment.

## Ariel Kiley and Simone Kornfeld

*Authors of the flirting guidebook 'Smitten: The Way of the Brilliant Flirt'*

**What's the worst thing to do when flirting?**
Don't ask rote questions like "Where are you from?" "What do you do?" This is generic and boring. Also, never misrepresent yourself or try to morph yourself into what you think the person wants you to be.

**How direct should you be when flirting?**
Use your senses to feel it out. If the person is welcoming your advances, go straight for it. If you sense the object of your attention feels shy, overwhelmed or reserved, then give them a little breathing room.


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# NYFW: It's a new day

The bad girls come out to play at Marc by Marc Jacobs. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

**The designer**

## Marc by Marc Jacobs

- **The major trends:** Plays on volume; blanket-style wraps, and wide leg trousers
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** Judging by my social media feeds the shoes were the most memorable takeaway from the show. The more "out there" the sneaker, the better.

**Fashion Week diary**

*Follow our editors' diaries as they take you to the front row of NYFW. For more coverage, visit www.metro.us and www.modmods.com.*

**MONDAY**

**7:15 p.m.**
There's an overload of cool, quirky fashion idiosyncrasy happening at **Honor** right now. So many "it" girls in one room — Zosia Mamet, Solange Knowles, Tracee Ellis Ross, Zoe Kazan, Natalia Kills, Zoe Kazan, Harley Viera Newton, Coco and Breezy. There's bold lips (always a bold lip!) cat eyes and retro hair.

**7:30 p.m.**
Because there isn't enough snow on the ground already, the show opens with artificial snow falling down from the ceiling against the sound of a jewelry box. It's girly and childlike and haunting, like a V.C. Andrews book come to life, and sets the stage for a collection of subversively sweet clothes that at times bordered on saccharine. Designer Giovanna Randall's A-line skirts and coats in black tartan, pink dresses and jumpsuits with pleated frills and swingy dresses embellished with pink and red plastic rosettes are beautifully made, but a little too literal, with only the models' dead-in-the-eyes stares to give the collection a dark undertone to temper all the debutante-ball femininity. I can't see anyone over the age of 21 wearing a cotton colored jumpsuit with pleated legs. **KENYA HUNT**

**TUESDAY**

**12:25 p.m.**
This is shaping up to be a romantic **Rodarte** collection. The magpie layering. The silk chiffon smocked dresses dusted with Swarovski crystals. The kitschy-yet-luxurious bomber coats in fuchsia and burnt orange. The crochet tops evoking that homespun quality that defines so much of the Mulleavy sisters' aesthetic — and that helps fuel the narrative of the duo of quirky Californians who create outside the fashion system.

But then, after a series of kitchen-sink evening wear — which combines striped turtlenecks with velour, lace, sequins and embroidered tulle all in one dress — glides a striking black silk velvet and charmeuse gown with ... is that the Death Star printed on its skirt? Then comes a butter-yellow chiffon confection printed with ... Luke Skywalker. I'm smiling and laughing as a parade of crystal-studded "Star Wars" gowns appear on the runway: the twin suns of Tatooine, C3P0 and R2D2, Yoda. Sonic Youth blares on the soundtrack. Everyone is bemused. This is awesome, but what does it all mean?!

Of course, the Rodarte designers have always let their geek flag fly. So perhaps it was only a matter of time before "Star Wars" would turn up on their runway. Indeed, it made some kind of perverse sense: The entire collection not only celebrated a certain nerd chic — starting with the oversized plastic cat's eye

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**Quoted**

"I'm constantly learning of new designers and new everything when it comes to fashion. It's essentially expressing yourself, and that's what I love about it. I feel as I get older our fashion becomes more mature and there are definitely times when you can have fun and go bigger, go brighter. I've had a great time with it."

**Hailee Steinfeld**

## Spotted. Celebs front row and center at New York Fashion Week

1 **Blake Lively, Freida Pinto, Rose Byrne** and **Michael Douglas** at Michael Kors

2 **Dakota Fanning** and **Anna Wintour** at Rodarte

3 **Sofia Coppola** and **Marc Jacobs** at Marc by Marc Jacobs

4 **Alexa Chung** at Marc by Marc Jacobs

5 Photographer **Bill Cunningham** at Rodarte

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# for Marc by Marc Jacobs

Honor

Wes Gordon

Bibhu Mohapatra

**The designers**

## Honor

- **The major trends:** Textured outerwear, pink
- **What this will mean:** Think pink, just not in pleated jumpsuit form.

## Rodarte

- **The major trends:** Crochet, turtlenecks, magpie layering, '70s
- **What this will mean:** Go ahead and mix glitter and chiffon with your "Star Wars" T-shirt.

## Wes Gordon

- **The major trends:** Slip dresses, plunging necklines, ice blue
- **What this will mean:** Wear slinky dresses in the winter, but pair them with a fabulous — and warm — coat.

## Bibhu

- **The major trends:** fur, icy hues, turtlenecks
- **What this will mean:** Before you leave the house, add one fur (or faux-fur) item.

glasses worn by the models. It was also deeply nostalgic, filled with off-kilter takes on the very clothes the Mulleavys would have worn in the Eighties: from the hand-smocked dresses to the muddy plaid coats, striped knits and high-waisted trousers that had a sort-of twisted, "Wonder Years" quality to them. "Star Wars" fits snugly into this milieu.

The amazing thing about this collection, however, is that it doesn't feel retro. Actually, it doesn't feel all that contemporary either. But it feels utterly Rodarte, a hermetic, eccentric label that seems to exist outside of — even transcend — space and time. Kind of like the "Star Wars" movies themselves. **RAQUEL LANERI**

**3:30 p.m.**
The opening look at **Wes Gordon**'s show has us paying attention: a loose ivory jersey shift with a plunging-V neckline. It's a departure from the young designer's ladylike bohemian aesthetic — almost too much of one. But thankfully it is more of a throat-clearing than anything else: a tease of what's to come. Gordon sends out plenty of slip dresses, done in black chantilly lace and icy blue and maroon silk, but he has given some heft to his ribboned and embroidered finery with smart structured jackets and wool felt skirts, without sacrificing any of his line's girlish lightness. Particularly breathtaking is a floor-length glacier wool felt coat with vents that has everyone whipping their iPhones out. **RL**

**4:10 p.m.**
Pier 36 has been transformed into what looks like a skaters paradise for **Marc by Marc Jacobs**, with enormous wooden ramps decorating the cavernous space. This has always been a big show. But the buzz in the air is even higher due to the fact that this will be the first collection from Luella Bartley and Katie Hillier under a new chapter for Marc Jacobs' empire, one in which he's back in New York full-time and preparing the company for an IPO.

**4:40 p.m.**
The skater girls I was expecting to see didn't show up. Neither did the moody, slightly staid, collegiate kids that defined the Marc by Marc collections in seasons' past. The fall 2014 girl is all flamboyant sportiness, dressed for a club night in a mix of ninja and BMX gear. And the clothes looked as wild as that sounds. The models looked like a girl gang who had watched a few too many screenings of "Kill Bill." Trouble.

On another note, Luella and Katie just rendered all of the sneaker comebacks in the past year forgettable thanks to a single shoe in Crayola shades of red and blue that is part raver, part spaceman. Is it a moon boot? A hiking shoe? I don't know, but it reflects that specific kind of creative risk-taking that British designers are known for. The clothes aren't easy to pull off; it will take a special kind of girl to wear a long-sleeved, belted tunic with parachute pants. But the looks stand out because they aren't safe, giving the week of pleasant, contemporary clothes a much needed kick in the pants — with a very big shoe. **KENYA HUNT**

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:20 a.m.**
It's like **Bibhu Mohapatra** anticipated the laid-back mood outside Lincoln Center, because his collection is more serene, less cluttered than usual. Inspired by the landscape and culture of Tibet, Mohapatra tempered his tendency to burden his ballgowns with bells and whistles, letting his innate sense of color and texture do the talking. An icy lilac plush fur coat looks particularly luxurious over a languid satin gown, while a simple black silk tuxedo dress sizzles under a reversible mink coat. And the pair of satin and organza printed gowns that close the show — featuring the warm colors of a Tibetan sunrise — showed a lightness and grace signaling a big step forward for this young eveningwear designer. **RL**

**WEDNESDAY**

## Michael Kors

**10:15 a.m.**
Susie Bubble just brushed Anna Wintour's arm while trying to get to her seat at the **Michael Kors** show and looks scared for her life. She flees the scene fast.

**10:20 a.m.**
The flashing lights are blinding — and for good reason. Finally a legitimate A-list-filled front row at fashion week: Blake Lively, Freida Pinto, Rose Bryn and Michael Douglas squeeze into a bench together.

**10:30 a.m.**
Want to know why Michael Kors' business is growing like gangbusters? (The designer made headlines recently for entering the billionaires club.) Study today's collection of lust-worthy clothes with everyday appeal.

Kors, known for his luxurious sportswear, scaled back the power dressing for fall. His high-strung New Yorker leaves the Big Apple for a trip out west — Big Sur to be specific. There she hangs out with her bohemian best friend, throws her hair up in a messy romantic knot and the two share wardrobe favorites and styling tips. The result: a collection of timeless pieces that perfectly blends urban sophistication with a wind-in-my-hair ease. Take, for example, the cool chambray separates with luxe fox furs that opened the show. They're casual, yet polished. The sentiment continues with a swinging suede fringe skirt paired with chunky ombre pullover — the knits in this collection, cozy oversize sweaters and belted cardigans are by far the standouts —a flannel suit with boyishly low-slung trousers and — cashmere sweatpants!

For eveningwear, there's diaphanous smocked dresses, some in shimmering fabrics, sequined numbers and one lacy prairie skirt that misses the hippy-chic boat thanks to the addition of a chic sleeveless pea coat.

There's a confident grace to the collection. It's for women who are over the trends and know classic, effortless style like 40-year-old beauty Carolyn Murphy, who opened the show. **TINA CHADHA**

It was all about urbane romance at Michael Kors.

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V-Day

## *Piece of the world*

**Flowers. Chocolates. Massages. Sure, you can go the typical route this Valentine's Day, but why? Especially when you can get your valentine a piece of the world.**

**A new website, www.pieceoftheworld.com, lets you virtually "purchase" your most romantic spot — and leave a sweet note — for your loved one. Think of the possibilities: Your honeymoon hotel, your favorite vacation spot, the bar where you first met, your dream house — all are up for grabs and all will induce an "awwww" from your valentine.**

**Prices vary depending on what you want to buy (spots like the Eiffel Tower, New York's Grand Central Station or The Opera House in Sydney Harbour go for more) but most only set you back $9.90. So what are you waiting for? Get clicking. Your valentine will thank you.**

# Foods for feeling frisky

Grape & Vine is serving strawberry zabaione. / THE JADE HOTEL

**Indulge.** We scoured Valentine's Day menus for ingredients that'll give your love life (or at least your sex drive) a little lift.

### Bananas

The phallic fruit is loaded in B vitamins and potassium, which help the body make sex hormones, as well as chelating minerals, thought to bump up male libido. Find it in:

1 Prawn and banana curry on **Louro**'s Tragic Lovers of History menu (seven courses, prix fixe: $95, 142 W. 10th St., 212-206-0606)

2 Dark chocolate cremeux with coffee crumble, bananas and whisky marshmallows at **Dovetail** (four courses, prix fixe: $115, 103 W. 77th St., 212-362-3800)

3 Chocolate-Banana Trio (a chocolate-banana opera cake, caramelized banana and cup of hot cocoa) at **Rouge Tomate** (four courses, prix fixe: $125, 10 E. 60th St., 646-237-8977)

### Basil

Basil's flavonoids ward off inflammation, which boosts circulation throughout the body … including "down there." Find it in:

1 Oyster ceviche ($16) at **Dos Caminos** (multiple locations, www.doscaminos.com)

2 Arugula salad at **Patsy's** (three courses, prix fixe: $65, 236 W. 56th St., 212-247-3491)

**Aphrodisiac mania: Oysters**

Zinc, found in these bivalves, is thought to benefit sperm production, libido, fertility and reproductive health. These restaurants are serving them on V-Day:

1 **BLT Fish** (three courses, prix fixe: $95, 21 W. 17th St., 212-691-8888)

2 **A Voce Madison** (seven courses, prix fixe: $95, 41 Madison Ave., 212-545-8555)

3 **Maison Premiere** (four courses, prix fixe: $95, 298 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, 347-335-0446)

4 **Cull + Pistol** (four courses, prix fixe: $55, 75 Ninth Ave., 646-568-1223)

5 **Il Buco** (five courses, prix fixe: $125, 47 Bond St., 212-533-1932)

6 **Betony** (six courses, prix fixe: $195, 41 W. 57th St., 212-465-2400)

7 **Manzanilla** (four courses, prix fixe: $95, 345 Park Ave. S., 212-255-4086)

**Seeds for his seeds**

### Strawberries

The tiny seeds are supposed to symbolize fertility, but it's really dudes who benefit: folic acid and Vitamin C up sperm count. Find it in:

1 Strawberry zabaione at cozy Jade Hotel restaurant **Grape & Vine** (four courses, prix fixe: $65, 52 W. 13th St., 212-300-4525)

2 Fondue au Chocolat at **Brasserie 8 ½** (four courses, prix fixe: $65, 9 W. 57th St., 212-829-0812)

**The dark side**

### Chocolate

When you take a bite, you release dopamine into your system, the same chemical that causes a high. It also contains the amino acid arginine, which increases arousal and sensation in both sexes. Find it in these standout Valentine's desserts:

1 Chocolate-dipped stemmed strawberries at **Gemma** ($12, 335 Bowery, 212-505-9100)

2 S'mores at **Edi and the Wolf** (three courses, prix fixe: $59, 102 Avenue C, 212-598-1040)

3 Scallop crudo at **Boqueria** (six courses, prix fixe: $65, 53 W. 19th St., 212-255-4160)

### Almonds

Just the smell of these nuts is said to turn women on (who knew?). But they're also a good source of fatty acids, which bolster fertility, libido and hormone production. Find it in:

1 Truffled almond soup at **Nerai** (five courses, prix fixe: $95, 55 E. 54th St., 212-759-5554)

2 Foie gras with hibiscus almond dust at **Juni** (five courses, prix fixe: $165, 12 E. 31st St., 212-995-8599)

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# Performance. Megan Sipe's show marries chocolate and dance.

**If you go**

### A Valentine's Tasting Performance

**Feb. 14 and 15, 6:30 and 9 p.m. 100 Grand St., $25 for seniors and children, $35 for adults, $60 for a pair, $50 at the door, 347-439-1745, www.chocolatedances.com**

Love can be hard to find, but Chocolate Dances has a recipe as effective as Cupid's arrow: a Valentine's tasting performance.

The Second Annual Valentine's Tasting Performance combines dancing, music, "teatrics," handmade chocolate truffles and more into one refined show to make your five senses tingle. Much like at a wine tasting, each chocolate will be paired with its perfect match – in this case, a song and dance.

A sampling of the treats guests will taste. / SASHA SANTIAGO

"It's kind of a flight of chocolates that go on throughout the evening, and different dances [are] paired with it," says Megan Sipe, chocolatier/choreographer and mastermind behind Chocolate Dances LLC.

The night's soundtrack incorporates flamenco guitar, a classically trained pianist and percussionists that get the crowd moving, taking the show from performance to an all-inclusive gathering.

"It feels more like social dance, like a party," Sipe says. JAY HONSTETTER

**Buy 'em**

### Move over, singing telegram

The chocolates are all natural using no chemicals, and made by Sipe with help from her dancers. They infuse a little bit of their personalities into each piece of chocolate by incorporating unique toppings. In addition, chocolates can be purchased from the Chocolate Dances website (www.chocolatedances.com), with the option to send a telegram, which includes a box of chocolates and a special dance, as well.

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**Saturday, 9 p.m.**
**Norwood Club, 241 W. 14th St.,**
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## Gotham Burlesque Valentine's Day Show

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Anti-Valentine's Day

## Whitman & Bloom's Anti-Valentine's Bash

**Friday, 8 p.m.**
**Whitman & Bloom, 384 3rd Ave.**
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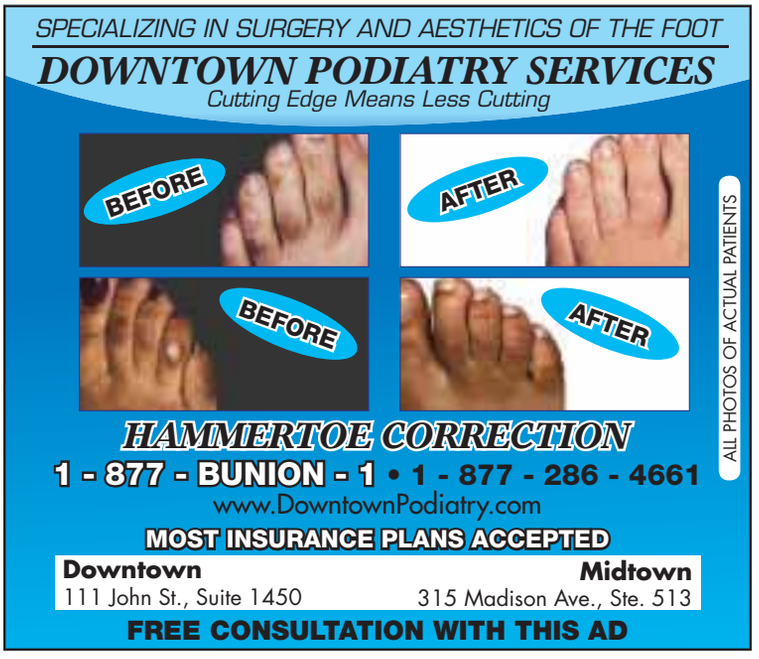
Who needs a valentine when you can have more fun alone? Celebrate being single with a complimentary cocktail, a live DJ and a bacon-wrapped filet mignon — just one of the many Valentine's treats on the menu for the evening. And who knows who you'll meet, your future ex?

## BFF Valentine's Party

**Friday, 6 p.m.**
**Empire Hotel Lobby Bar, 44 W 63rd St.**
**$85, 212-265-7400**
**www.empirehotelnyc.com**
Spend your Valentine's Day with the one you truly love, your BFF! No fancy prix fixe menu and no beau trouble, just you, your BFF, fashion blogger Courtney Kerr (Bravo TV's "Courtney Loves Dallas") and astrologer Susan Miller — it's a ladies night out. Kerr will play host while Miller shares what she sees for you in 2014.
JAY HONSTETTER



## Horoscope

**Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.** Your outgoing nature will lead to an unusual adventure. Turn something you enjoy doing into a profitable endeavor.

**Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Jump-start your career. Concentrate on self-improvement and utilizing your skills differently. This will improve confidence.

**Aries | March 21-April 20.** You will make great achievements if you take advantage of a new opportunity. Don't waste time in contemplation; start the ball rolling.

**Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Don't pressure others to do things your way. Keep the peace and avoid confrontations if you want to gain control.

**Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Step into the spotlight and share your thoughts and plans. You'll attract interest from onlookers who will help you develop your ideas.

**Cancer | June 21-July 22.** It's time to take a realistic look at your savings and investments. Determine what will give you the best chance to raise your wealth.

**Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Avoid conflicts, lie low and refrain from making a hasty decision that will leave you in a vulnerable position.

**Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You may feel that information is being withheld from you. Patience will be necessary to determine what has been going on.

**Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Let your imagination wander and your curiosity lead the way. Your thirst for knowledge will enable you to explore and expand a wide variety of interests.

**Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Resist the urge to take control. You may offend someone who has more to offer than you realize.

**Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** You'll be enticed by exotic destinations or adventure. Participate in community activities and see what kind of excitement you can find.

**Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.** Today's emphasis will be on money matters. You will have good luck in your financial planning. Examine all your options.

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## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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**How to play**
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Letters

### Fight poverty with the Constitution

Many people think that the federal government should help the poor. The federal government is supposed to be limited by what it can do by the Constitution. Because it has overstepped its authority, we have a national debt of $17 trillion. It also has caused additional taxation, regulations and inflation. It has caused businesses to leave our country, prices to rise and regulations that are unattainable for most small businesses. This has led to more people being poor, so now many think that we need more government to help the people that it hurt by its actions. We need the federal government to cut spending! This will lower prices and decrease inflation, and businesses will be able to remain in this country, which will lead to more employment. The poor should be helped and this can be done through local help by philanthropic and religious organizations. By getting the federal government back to its constitutional limits, there will be fewer poor people and we will all have a better quality of life.

JANET MCCARTHY, VIA EMAIL

### Don't assume things about addicts

**Re: 'A friend in need might need friends' (Feb. 12)** Anyone who places blame on the friends of an addict for not trying harder to save the addict's life and then compares the friends' alleged lack of concern to an '80s movie and a "M*A*S*H" episode should study up on addiction and volunteer at a recovery program to gain a better understanding of addictive personalities.

LIAM TOLEN, VIA EMAIL

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5 Retail giant
10 Crimson Tide nickname
14 By mouth
15 — wind or star
16 Mr. Trebek
17 Pageant figures
18 Rice or Gantry
19 T. — Price
20 Left undone
22 Harbor sight
24 Winter Games org.
25 Frank's ex
26 They may be hidden
30 Fringes, e.g.
34 Pealed
35 Gridiron kicks
37 Beery or Webster
38 Set of tools
39 Cheerleader's yell
40 Mao — -tung
41 Inkling
43 Mutinous one
45 For nothing
46 Bolder
48 Ask nicely
50 Alley from Moo
51 Homer Simpson's dad
52 Candidate
56 Keep in thrall
60 During
61 Over and —
63 Orchid-like blossom
64 Thespian's quest
65 Hues
66 Undiluted
67 Sorority member
68 Pony's comment
69 Festive

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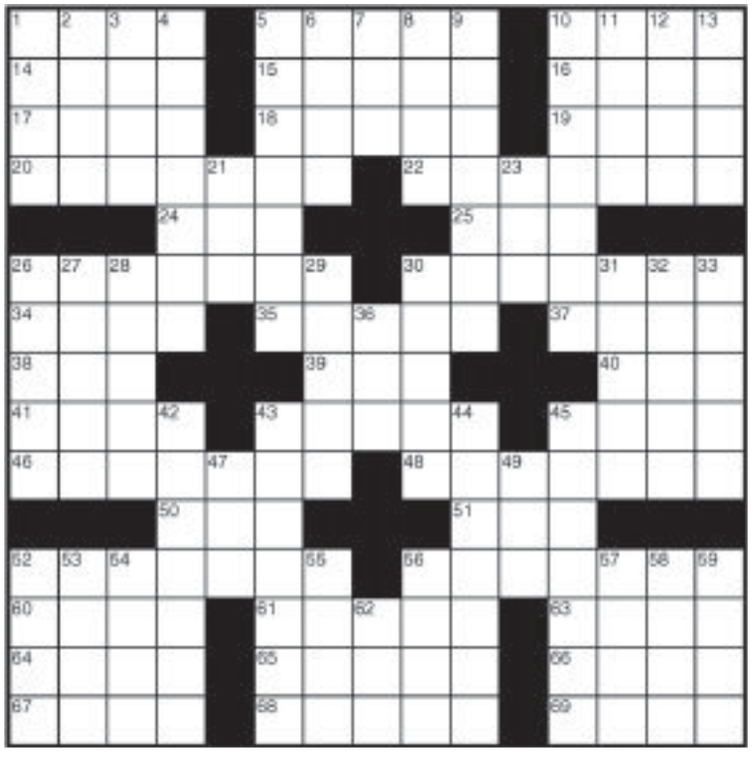

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**MLB.** Yankees captain Derek Jeter will retire from the game following this year — his 20th season in MLB.

# Once more, with feeling

Jeter will try to go out on top, or at least close to it, like his close friend Mariano Rivera did last season. / GETTY IMAGES

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The face of the franchise is calling it quits.

Derek Jeter, the captain of the Yankees, a future Hall of Famer and maybe the greatest shortstop of all time, has announced he will retire after the 2014 season.

"I've never stopped chasing the next [World Series title]," Jeter wrote on Facebook on Wednesday afternoon. "I want to finally stop the chase and take in the world."

While he started his career in 1995 as a top prospect, Jeter achieved a level of fame no one could have ever foreseen.

On the field he won five World Series titles and went to 13 All-Star Games. In 2019, he'll go into Cooperstown.

## Derek Jeter. Leaving on his own terms, like Rivera before him

Mariano Rivera took one last tour through the major leagues last year. This year will be Derek Jeter's turn.

Jeter will be making his last appearances in places like Fenway Park, Camden Yards and Yankee Stadium after announcing Wednesday afternoon that the upcoming season will be the final of an illustrious career that began in 1995 — after he was the team's first-round pick in 1992.

Jeter made the announcement by posting a picture of a lengthy letter to his official Facebook page.

Though Jeter isn't likely to get involved with social media, it was his way of going out on his own terms, following the lead of Rivera.

"I've experienced so many defining moments in my career — winning the World Series as a rookie shortstop, being named the Yankee captain, closing the old and opening the new Yankee Stadium," Jeter wrote. "Through it all, I've never stopped chasing the next one. I want to finally stop the chase and take in the world."

Rivera returned for one more season after tearing his ACL in 2012. Jeter will do the same after suffering through a rash of injuries in 2013, started by a fractured ankle in the 2012 postseason.

"In the 21-plus years in which I have served as commissioner, Major League Baseball has had no finer ambassador than Derek Jeter," said Bud Selig. "He is one of the most accomplished and memorable players of his — or any — era."

LARRY FLEISHER

**Quoted**

> "I'm so happy that Derek will get to go out on his terms — and his way."
>
> Bernie Williams, former teammate

**Face of the game**

KIDD RETIRED LAST YEAR. GETTY IMAGES

### Reaction to retirement reaches far

It didn't take long after Derek Jeter's announcement hit the internet for the sports world to start weighing in.

"It was an honor and privilege to have Derek next to me for all those years," said friend and former teammate Jorge Posada. "I love him like a brother. Derek was a true champion and the greatest teammate I ever had."

"He's everyone's role model," said Nets head coach Jason Kidd, who was in a similar position to Jeter a year ago. "As kids grow up playing baseball, wanting to play shortstop, they want to be Derek Jeter." METRO

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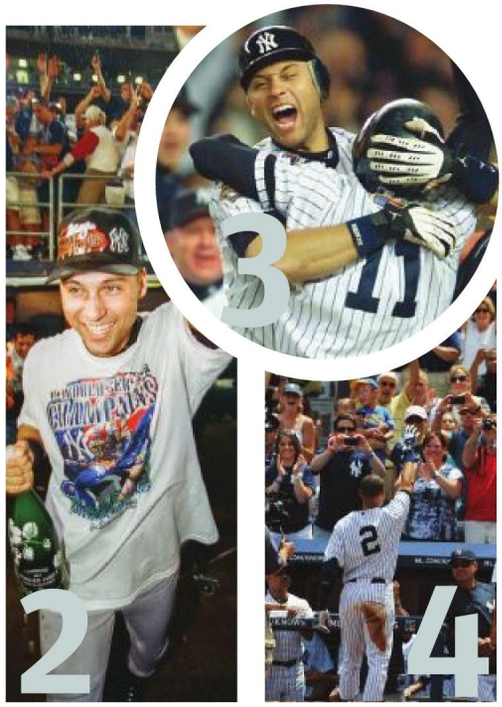


1 Derek Jeter was never known for his defense, but it didn't prevent him from winning Rookie of the Year unanimously in 1996.

2 As a part of one of the best teams in MLB history, Jeter won his second World Series in 1998.

3 One night after becoming "Mr. November," Jeter celebrated the team's walk-off win with Chuck Knoblauch in the bottom of the 12th of Game 5 of the 2001 World Series.

4 Jeter celebrated his historic 3,000th career hit in dramatic fashion with a home run on July 9, 2010.

5 Throughout his career, Jeter was known for being incredibly durable. That wasn't so in the 2012 postseason, when a broken ankle set him on the course to an awful 2013.

6 Nine years after taking his fourth World Series, and after two failures, Jeter captured his fifth title in 2009.

7 Jeter last made an All-Star Game in 2012 when it was played in Kansas City.

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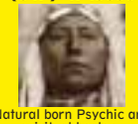

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